- Net worth of applicant company : Rs. 25 crores.
- Performance Bank guarantee of Rs. 25 crores.
- Annual Licence fee 15% of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR).
- Licence period of 20 years.
- Roll out obligations :
  - A minimum of four Points of Presence (POPs) *i.e.* one in each Region of the country *i.e.* Eastern, Western, Northern and Southern will need to be established within three years of signing the licence agreement.
  - Delivery of traffic to all the countries in the World to be ensured through atleast four Direct Routes *i.e.* one each to North America, Gulf Region, Europe and any one location in South East Asia, Far East and Oceania within three years of signing the licence agreement.
- Interconnection of International Long Distance (ILD) network : Access provider may be allowed to interconnect with the International Long Distance Operator (ILDO) directly in situations, where ILD Gateway switches and that of Access Provider's (GMSC/ Transit Switch) are located at the same station.
- Two types of Quality of Service (QoS) are permitted.

Calculation/Entry of interest of NSS Deposits

2618. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that calculation/entry of interest on deposits made in NSS passbooks for the year ending March, 2001 has not been made even after a lapse of eight months after the closing of the year in Ghaziabad Post Office Circle;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government so far; and

(d) the reasons for such delay and the action proposed to be taken by Government to rectify the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir. There are two Head Post Offices in Ghaziabad Postal Division namely Ghaziabad HPO and Hapur HPO. Entries of interest in NSS pass books in Ghaziabad HO was completed on 31-5-2001 and in Hapur HO the same was completed on 27-6-2001.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Telephone Exchanges Operated Through Overhead Media

†2619. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 135 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 2001 and state :

(a) the number of telephone exchanges being operated through overhead media in Tehri Uttarkashi Telephone District; and

(b) by when all the exchanges in this telephone district are proposed to be provided on reliable media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) 15 (fifteen) telephone exchanges in Uttarkashi Telecom District are being operated through overhead media.

(b) All these fifteen telephone exchanges are planned to be provided with reliable media by 31st March, 2002 subject to the availability of resources.

Installation of New Telephone Exchanges in U.P.

†2620. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new telephone exchange has been installed in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the telephone exchanges proposed to be installed during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

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